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"Granki" (first in trust; completed seasonal plan early in June) (3)

"Dukora" (7)

"Krasnoya Znamya" (7)

"Glubotskiy" (7)

"Togolitsa" (7)

"Tootsi" (on 2 August; 38 days earlier than last year) (8)

"Skrunda" (on 1 August) (9)

"Radvilichskiy (5,000 tons more than scheduled) (10)

Enterprises of the Shaulay Administration (10)

Although the peat enterprises of the Belorussian SSR made much progress in production and mechanization in recent years, many enterprises are not operating at a profit because they failed to complete their production plans. In 1949, the following enterprises were included in this group: the "Dukora" Peat Enterprise completed only 76 percent of its plan, "Dobeyevskiy Mokh" only 36 percent, Enterprise imeni Daymana 74 percent, "Plovushcheye" 57 percent, "Belitskoy" 82 percent, "Gonoles" 96 percent, and "Svoboda" 99 percent. In these enterprises the cost of the finished product was 7 to 30 rubles per ton over the planned cost.

Unmarketable (undried) peat and poor accounting were responsible for increased production costs in 1949. This increase amounted to 2 rubles 50 kopeks for one ton of hydropeat, 3 rubles 60 kopeks for hydro-elevator peat, and 4 rubles 30 kopeks for bucket-elevator peat. Semimechanized methods of extraction have also increased production costs of peat and made profitable operations difficult.

Thus, only the completion of production norms and the production of high-quality fuel will make peat extraction a profitable operation. Since 1948 the Belorussian peat industry on the whole has worked without government subsidy and is increasing its capital accumulation from year to year.

The importance of mechanizing peat production is demonstrated by the "Tootsi" Peat Enterprise, which requires one sixth the number of production workers required by enterprises of the Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Belorussian SSR. The "Tootsi" Peat Enterprise has mechanized all phases of peat production from the raw material to the finished briquette. (5)

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